

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 December 10 2015 to 0600 December 11 2015



Kern County Fire Department begins the search for a downed Medivac helicopter near McFarland, Kern County.

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Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

Oregon declares emergency for counties hit by storm

(Reuters) Fresh storms hit the U.S. Pacific Northwest on Thursday, triggering a state of emergency in several counties, after it received record-breaking rainfall that left two dead in Oregon and triggered widespread flooding, landslides and power cuts. Periods of heavy rain and fierce winds will continue across the region and down into northern California as the next installment of storms moves onshore, and warnings of coastal floods were issued for 3 a.m. to 9 a.m. local time on Friday morning (1100 to 1700 GMT), the National Weather Service said. Oregon Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency for 13 counties. "Heavy rains and wind have required the evacuation of residences and mudslides and high water have severely damaged or blocked major roadways in these areas of the state," she said in a statement.

International News – Significant Events

Spike in asylum applications to European Union

(Al Jazeera) The number of people seeking asylum in the European Union (EU) in the third quarter has nearly doubled, to 413,800 from about 210,000, compared to those seeking asylum in the second quarter, according to figures published Thursday by Eurostat, the EU's statistics bureau. Eurostat reported that 33 percent of the asylum seekers were Syrian, 14 percent were from Afghanistan and 11 percent were Iraqis. The number of Syrians and Iraqis has tripled, while the number of Afghans doubled to more than 56,000 for the period. A Eurostat spokeswoman noted these numbers only reflect those who applied for asylum. The total number of people who have migrated to the EU is much higher. More than 909,000 refugees and migrants have entered the EU in 2015, four times as many as the 219,000 in 2014, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Additionally, about 3,600 people have died this year crossing the Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea or jumping onboard trains heading to the United Kingdom from France, according to the IOM. The EU estimates there are more than 800,000 asylum applications still pending in its member countries. Many EU states have complained that they lack the resources necessary to process the cases in a timely manner, and they have appealed to the European Commission, the bloc's executive body, for more resources. Eurostat reports that more than half of the requests for asylum were made in two countries: Germany and Hungary. Hungary received about 108,000 first-time applicants in the third quarter, the highest number relative to population in the EU, despite its efforts to keep out refugees. During August alone, refugees entered Hungary at a rate of more than 10,000 per day, Reuters reported, in an attempt to reach Germany. Many boarded trains in Budapest to reach Munich and other German cities. Hungary has since shut its borders to refugees and built a mile-long razor-wire fence on the border with Croatia and Serbia to prevent more people from coming.

SITUATION SUMMARY

SPILL: 15-7175, Somis, Ventura County

- The California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a Hazardous Materials Spill Report advising of an approximately 500 barrel (Bbl.) release of crude oil on a damaged transmission line in Somis, Ventura County. The location is approximately ½ way between Camarillo and Moorpark.
- Eastbound SR-118 is closed and one-way traffic control is in effect; the freeway should reopen when clean-up is complete.
- Per the Cal OES Southern Duty Officer on 12/10/15 at 1806 hours:
 - Pipeline repair is complete and is being returned to service today.
 - The incident area has been divided into three Divisions for facilitation cleanup work.
 - Division 1 & 2: Cleanup operations are still underway. Oil seepage was identified within the walls of the drainage area. Additional cleanup work will be done to remove the additional contaminated soil.
 - Division 3: Work has started to remove the contaminated soil. Some lateral leaching has been identified in this area of the drainage. Preparations are underway to mobilize the equipment necessary to clean out the pipe that runs under Highway 118 where the oil moved from the drainage on the south side of the Highway to the northern drainage.
 - Approximately 500 tons of soil has been removed from the site.
 - Three dams will be installed within the drainage in anticipation of the potential for rain to move into the area starting today, 12/11/15. These dams are being installed to mitigate the ability for oil to flow further down the drainage ditch.
 - During the cleanup process, the work crews became aware of the existence of a 24" water pipeline in the area. Ventura County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services contacted the owner of the water pipeline, Calleguas Municipal Water District, who sent a representative to the incident location to discuss the location of the water pipeline
 - A soil sampling plan is being developed. Samples have been collected and sent to the lab to be analyzed in an effort to establish background for the area. In addition, soil samples have been collected in Divisions 1 & 2 and sent to the lab for analysis. Beginning at 0700 hours on 12/11/15, a mobile lab will be deployed to the incident and staffed 24 hours a day to facilitate the sampling and analysis process.
 - Air monitoring is being conducted using a PID for a group of contaminants associated with oil product. Specific monitoring is being done for benzene.
 - Landowners in the area have expressed concern regarding the potential for leaching in the soil and dust from the work area blowing onto crops. California Department of Fish and Wildlife is addressing the concerns with the landowners.

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Proclamations

- A Proclamation has been received from Los Angeles County due to the existence of a local emergency from a leak discovered at the natural gas storage wells of the Aliso Canyon storage field affecting the City and County of Los Angeles. A Governor's Proclamation and assistance through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) has been requested.

Downed Medivac Helicopter, McFarland, Kern County

- At approximately 2056 hours on 12/10/15, the California State Warning Center was advised by the Cal OES Law Duty Officer that an Air Ambulance Helicopter out of Fresno County with four individuals on board had crashed near McFarland, Kern County. Kern County requested ground searchers to assist locating the down aircraft.
- At 2200 hours on 12/10/15, Incident Command on scene confirmed that there are no survivors and that previously requested Civil Air Patrol assistance is no longer required.
- Cal OES Law Enforcement Branch Assistant Chief Dennis Smithson has responded to the ICP.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

Northern California

- A Pacific storm system will continue to affect interior Northern California today. This system will continue to bring periods of rain for the Valley and foothills with snow for the mountain areas.

Southern California

- A Pacific cold front will move through Southern California tonight with strong westerly winds, colder weather and rain and snow showers. Strong winds will occur in the portions of the mountains and deserts.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwwa_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Scattered rain showers and mountain snow showers will persist through today. Isolated thunderstorms are expected near the coast with the stronger showers and storms capable of producing small hail. Another potent storm system will bring more heavy rain to the North Coast this weekend.

Medford Weather:

Unsettled weather will continue across Northern California for the next several days. There can still be isolated thunderstorms along the coast and just inland, where small hail may also occur. Periods of snow will occur over the higher terrain

Reno Weather:

Bands of snow showers will diminish this morning as the storm exits to the south. Slick driving conditions will continue through the morning commute. Lighter areas of snow are possible later today and again Saturday mainly north of Susanville. Another winter storm will likely bring more snow and wind for Sunday and Sunday night, producing significant travel impacts.

San Francisco Weather:

Showers and isolated thunderstorms can be expected this morning gradually decreasing from north to south this afternoon and evening. Mainly dry on Saturday. Light rain returns to the North Bay Saturday night then spreads southward through the Bay Area on Sunday as another cold front drops across Northern California. Showers linger Sunday night with another weak system on Monday that could bring some more light rain. Dry, but cool Tuesday through Thursday with another chance of rain by late next week.



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WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Showers today as a Gulf of Alaska storm drops through. Heavy precipitation is not expected except locally. Mainly dry early Saturday then another Pacific system moves through late Saturday and Sunday. Periods of heavy rain, mountain snow and strong winds will accompany this system with a chance of thunderstorms Sunday some areas. Showers continuing Monday then mainly dry through the rest of the work week as high pressure moves across the west coast.

Hanford Weather:

A cold storm system will move through today bringing precipitation and gusty winds. An unsettled pattern will continue into the weekend as another cold storm arrives on Sunday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A threat of showers will continue today with even a slight chance of thunderstorms today. On Saturday and Sunday, weak high pressure will bring dry conditions. However, by Sunday afternoon and evening, another threat of showers will develop as a storm system moves across the area.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

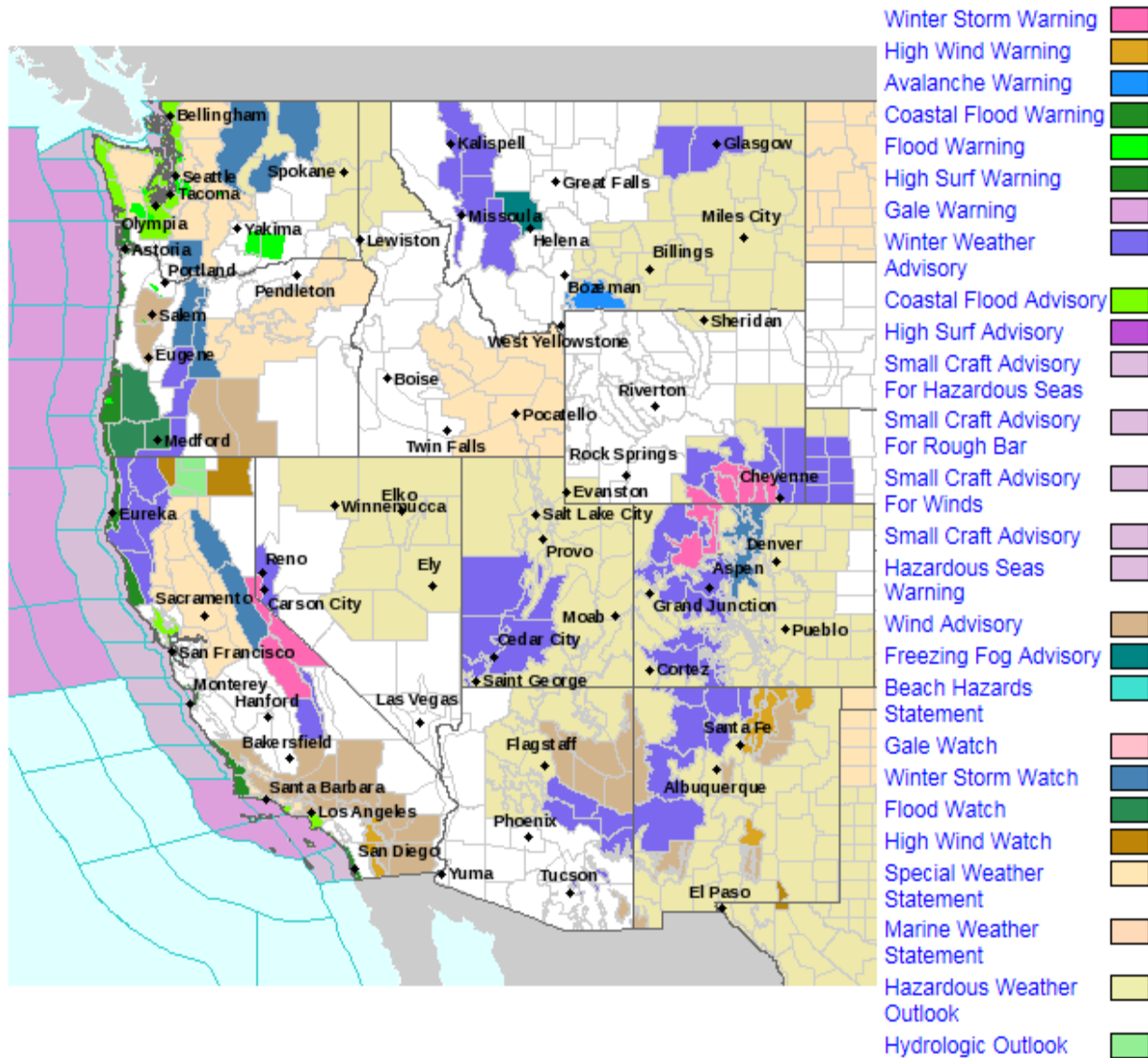
A winter storm will bring cold, windy weather and scattered showers today. Fair over the weekend before another trough brings more gusty winds and showers Sunday night through Monday afternoon. Cool, but dry weather will follow for Tuesday through Thursday.

Southeast California Weather:

A storm system will progress through Southern California today bringing at least a chance of showers as well as strong winds to the western Mojave Desert and Morongo Basin. Much cooler temperatures will accompany this storm with temperatures returning to near seasonal normals and remaining there through the weekend. Another storm will move in early next week bringing another round of wind and shower chances and even cooler temperatures.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.